

December 22, 2000

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Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site, Portland, Oregon"ReLine"*MERGEFORMAT

Dear Ms. McKenna"Salutation"*MERGEFORMAT:

We are several of the recipients of Michael Gearheard's December 8, 2000 general notice letter concerning the Portland Harbor Superfund site.

Each of us is considering joining a PRP group which would negotiate with EPA toward an Administrative Order on Consent for completion of an RI/FS in Portland Harbor. We believe, however, that we will be more likely to form a viable PRP group successfully if EPA would agree to host a meeting to which all 69 recipients of the general notice letter will be invited. The Port of Portland is willing to provide space for such a meeting. We therefore would like to take EPA up on its offer (Portland Harbor fact sheet, December 2000) to meet with interested parties and provide additional information about the Portland Harbor site and the RI/FS process. Wally Reid made a similar offer at a meeting with a small group of general notice letter recipients held on December 12, 2000. Our intent is that all parties interested in participating in the RI/FS would then organize into a single PRP group to negotiate with EPA.

The Port has already contacted you about scheduling such a meeting, which we hope to hold as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are developing a potential PRP group structure, which we hope to flesh out with the input of all 69 recipients of the general notice letter. We believe, however, that it will be impossible to form a PRP group over the holidays, as many of the potential group members are unavailable until after the first of the year. Accordingly, we respectfully request that EPA extend the deadline for responding to the general notice letter to January 31, 2001. Please contact Marcia Newlands at (206) 389-6102 if you have questions.

"Closing"*MERGEFORMATSincerely,

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Northwest Natural
City of Portland
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Time Oil
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